

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
COMMERCE**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Ripley, on January 29, 2007 at  
8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch  
Christie Messer, Committee Secretary  
Eileen Rose, Office of Budget and Program  
Planning  
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They  
provide a list of participants and a record of official action  
taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the  
meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Subject Addressed:	Department of Livestock, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Beginning Overview
Executive Action:	2007 DOL Decision Packages

**Department of Livestock**

00:00:01 Hearing called to order by Chairman Ripley  
00:03:03 Pam Joehler  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a03\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a04\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a05\)](#)  
00:04:31 Rep. Ripley  
00:04:35 Sen. Tropila  
00:04:41 George Harris, Administrator, Department of Livestock  
Centralized Services  
00:07:52 Sen. Tropila  
00:08:37 Mr. Harris  
00:09:23 Rep. Ripley  
00:10:52 Sen. Tropila  
00:11:48 Mr. Harris  
00:12:26 Rep. Ripley  
00:13:33 Mr. Harris  
00:14:37 Rep. Ripley  
00:15:29 Mr. Harris  
00:16:22 Rep. Ripley  
00:16:27 Mr. Harris  
00:17:22 Rep. Ripley  
00:17:28 Mr. Harris  
00:17:50 Rep. Ripley

**DP 1009-Meat Inspection Funding Shortfall**

00:18:40 Mr. Harris  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a06\)](#)  
00:22:23 Ms. Joehler  
00:22:27 Mr. Harris  
00:22:31 Sen. Tropila  
00:22:47 Ms. Joehler  
00:23:16 Sen. Tropila  
00:23:34 Mr. Harris  
00:24:24 Rep. Ripley  
00:24:29 Mr. Harris  
00:25:45 Rep. Musgrove

**Executive Action-DP 1005-Predator Control Authority Increase**

00:26:02 **Motion:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1005.

**Discussion:**

00:26:51 Rep. Witte

00:28:07 Mr. Harris

00:28:12 Sen. Tash

00:26:54 Mr. Harris

00:27:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**DP 1006 - Department-wide IT Equipment Replacement RST**

00:29:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1006.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**DP 1007 - Board of Livestock Per Diem**

00:29:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1007.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 1009 - Information Technology - Oracle Training**

00:30:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1009.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 1037-Board of Milk Control-Legal Fees**

00:30:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1037.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 1038-Board of Milk Control-Per Diem**

00:31:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1038. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 1078-Board of Horse Racing Per Diem**

00:32:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tropila moved DP 1078 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 1079-Board of Horse Racing - Rent**

00:32:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tropila moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1079. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:33:42 Rep. Witte  
00:34:54 Rep. Ripley  
00:34:56 Sam Murfitt, Executive Director, Montana Board of Horse  
Racing  
00:36:00 Rep. Witte  
00:36:14 Mr. Murfitt  
00:37:04 Rep. Witte  
00:38:33 Rep. Ripley  
00:38:37 Ms. Joehler  
00:39:05 Sen. Tropila  
00:39:41 Mr. Murfitt  
00:41:13 Rep. Ripley  
00:41:19 Mr. Murfitt  
00:41:26 Sen. Tash  
00:41:45 Ms. Joehler  
00:43:50 Sen. Tropila  
00:43:57 Rep. Witte  
00:45:31 Rep. Musgrove

**DP 1080-Board of Horse Racing Support**

00:46:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tropila moved DP 1080 **BE ADOPTED**, one time only, \$175,000 per year. Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Witte voting no.

**DP 3007-Diagnostic Lab Equipment**

00:48:38 **Motion:** Rep. Musgrove moved that DP 3007 **BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

00:48:50 Rep. Witte  
00:49:33 Mr. Harris  
00:49:59 Rep. Ripley  
00:50:02 Ms. Joehler  
00:50:14 Mr. Harris  
00:50:29 Sen. Tropila  
00:50:40 Rep. Ripley

00:51:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**DP 3009-Lab Recharges**

00:51:50 **Motion:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 3009.

**Discussion:**

00:52:09 Rep. Musgrove  
00:52:13 Rep. Ripley

00:53:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:51:43 Rep. Musgrove

**DP 3010-Lab Overtime**

00:53:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Witte moved DP 3010 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 3001-Diagnostic Lab General Fund Increase**

00:53:56 **Motion:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO AMEND** and **TO ADOPT** DP 3001 to add \$100,000 (general fund) per year for biennium plus \$41,286 from withdrawn DP 1009 page. C-128 budget template.

**Discussion:**

00:55:35 Rep. Witte  
00:55:45 Rep. Musgrove  
00:57:31 Mr. Harris  
00:57:36 Rep. Musgrove  
00:59:35 Ms. Joehler  
00:59:45 Rep. Musgrove  
00:59:54 Rep. Ripley  
00:59:57 Mr. Harris  
01:01:21 Rep. Musgrove  
01:01:35 Sen. Tropila  
01:04:49 Dr. Layton, Director, DOL Diagnostic Laboratory  
01:05:25 Rep. Witte  
01:05:29 Ms. Joehler  
01:05:49 Rep. Witte  
  
01:06:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Witte voting no.

**DP 3008-Diagnostic Lab PCR Technology OTO**

01:06:34 **Motion:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 3008 one time only.

**Discussion:**

01:07:05 Rep. Witte  
01:07:39 Mr. Harris  
01:07:42 Rep. Witte  
01:07:47 Mr. Harris  
01:08:03 Rep. Musgrove  
01:08:10 Mr. Harris  
01:09:05 Rep. Ripley

01:09:26 Mr. Harris

01:10:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Rep.  
Witte voting no.

**DP 4003-Animal Health Division One Time Only**

01:10:56 **Motion:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 4003,  
restricted, one time only.

01:11:25 Rep. Witte

01:11:34 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 4004-Federal Funding - Bison**

01:11:50 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved DP 4004 **BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

01:12:07 Rep. Musgrove

01:12:20 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 4005-Out of State Travel**

01:12:34 **Motion:** Rep. Witte moved **TO ADOPT** DP 4005.

**Discussion:**

01:12:48 Sen. Hansen

01:13:51 Mr. Harris

01:15:14 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 5004-Milk and Egg Bureau Vehicle Replacement, REST, OTO**

01:15:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 5004, restricted, one time only. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 5005-Milk and Egg Out-of-State Travel**

01:16:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Witte moved **TO ADOPT** DP 5005, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 6002-Brand Division Vehicle Replacement, REST, OTO**

01:16:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Witte moved **TO ADOPT** DP 6002, restricted, one time only. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 6003-Overtime, Brand Enforcement Division**

01:17:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Musgrove moved **TO ADOPT** DP 6003. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 1009-Withdrawn by Department**

**DP 1010-Meat Plant Inspector RST**

01:18:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Musgrove moved DP 1010 **BE ADOPTED**, restricted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DP 1011-FAIM Computer Maintenance Contract (OTO)**

01:18:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Witte moved DP 1011, OTO, restricted, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.



**Discussion:**

1:19:59 Rep. Ripley  
01:21:30 Mr. Harris  
01:21:52 Rep. Ripley  
01:22:30 Rep. Musgrove  
01:22:41 Ms. Joehler  
01:23:52 Rep. Witte  
01:24:08 Mr. Harris  
01:25:04 Rep. Witte  
  
01:26:10 Break (end of Tape Part One)  
01:35:50 Reconvene

**Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**  
*(new audio file-time restarted, 7-29-01 Part 2)*

00:01:03 Rep. Ripley  
00:01:25 Barbara Smith  
**EXHIBIT(jnh19a07)**  
**EXHIBIT(jnh19a08)**  
00:01:31 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
and Conservation-department overview-decision packages  
and personal services.  
00:36:45 Sen. Tash  
00:37:25 Ms. Sexton  
00:38:48 Sen. Tash  
00:38:52 Ms. Sexton  
00:39:14 Ann Bauchman, Administrator, DNRC Centralized Services  
Division Overview  
**EXHIBIT(jnh19a09)**  
**EXHIBIT(jnh19a10)**  
00:56:09 Sen. Tash  
01:03:07 Ms. Bauchman  
01:03:11 Rep. Ripley  
01:03:16 Sen. Tropila  
01:03:38 Ms. Bauchman

**DP 2101-GIS Enterprise Project IT**

01:05:46 Ms. Bauchman

**DP 2102-CSD Operating Adjustment**

01:06:47 Ms. Bauchman  
01:10:56 Rep. Ripley  
01:11:54 Ms. Bauchman  
01:11:57 Rep. Ripley

**DP 2103-CSD Equipment IT OTO**

01:13:31 Ms. Bauchman  
01:13:36 Rep. Ripley  
01:13:40 Ms. Bauchman

**DP 2104 - GIS Enterprise Equipment IT OTO**

01:14:52 Ms. Bauchman  
01:14:56 Rep. Ripley  
01:15:02 Sen. Hansen  
01:15:07 Ms. Bauchman

01:15:44 Tom Richmond, Administrator of Oil and Gas Division,  
DNRC-overview of division and 2007 DPs.

[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh19a12\)](#)

01:32:59 Sen. Tash  
01:34:45 Mr. Richmond  
01:34:52 Sen. Tash

**DP 2201-O&G Regulatory Operating Adjustment**

01:36:51 Mr. Richmond

**DP 2202-Underground Injection Control (UIC) Operating Adjustment**

01:40:51 Mr. Richmond  
01:41:06 Sen. Hansen  
01:41:15 Mr. Richmond  
01:42:42 Sen. Hansen  
01:42:49 Mr. Richmond

**DP 2203-O&G Public Assess Data System IT**

01:44:32 Mr. Richmond

**DP 2204-O&G Education and Outreach BIEN**

01:46:10 Mr. Richmond

**DP 2205-O&G North American Prospect Exposition (NAPE) BIEN**

01:48:09 Mr. Richmond

01:48:49 Rep. Ripley

01:49:03 Mr. Richmond

**DP 2208-Temporary Relocation Costs RST/OTO/BIEN**

01:51:07 Mr. Richmond

01:54:01 Sen. Hansen

01:54:23 Mr. Richmond

01:54:58 Rep. Ripley

01:56:19 Mr. Richmond

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:26:10 (End of Tape Part One): Adjournment  
01:57:42 (End of Tape Part Two): Adjournment

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REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

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CHRISTIE MESSER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jnh19aad.pdf](#))**